

Protest today against South African investments:

Apartheid in the neighbourhood

by Salimah Valiani

Demonstrators will gather today across the street from the Roddick gates to protest Québec Iron and Titanium's continued investment in South Africa.

A coalition of forty Montréal community and student organizations is organizing the protest for 15h30. QIT is the largest of ten Canadian companies still in South Africa, and their head offices are right outside McGill's main gates. According to Momin Khan, spokesperson of the coalition, "This means that our role is vital and should be consistent, since we are so close to QIT."

QIT's interests in South Africa total over 100 million dollars, the largest being its 42.6 per cent ownership of Richard's Bay minerals (RBM), a beach sand mining and smelting operation at Richards Bay, Natal.

Through its investment in RBM since 1973, QIT has provided South Africa with its unique smelting technology which produces 85 per cent titanium dioxide slag. This slag is used in the pigment industry to provide high quality white finishes.

QIT also produces slag in Sorel, Québec. The Québec slag is used to produce pigments through the "sulfate process." The Natal plant uses a "chloride process." The latter process can be applied to the production of titanium metal used in military and nuclear applications. But QIT maintains that "RBM sells titanium products in South Africa solely for the conversion to pigment for ultimate use in paints, plastics and paper." (Taskforce on the Churches and Corporate Responsibility, 1985-1986, Annual Report) as does QIT in Canada.

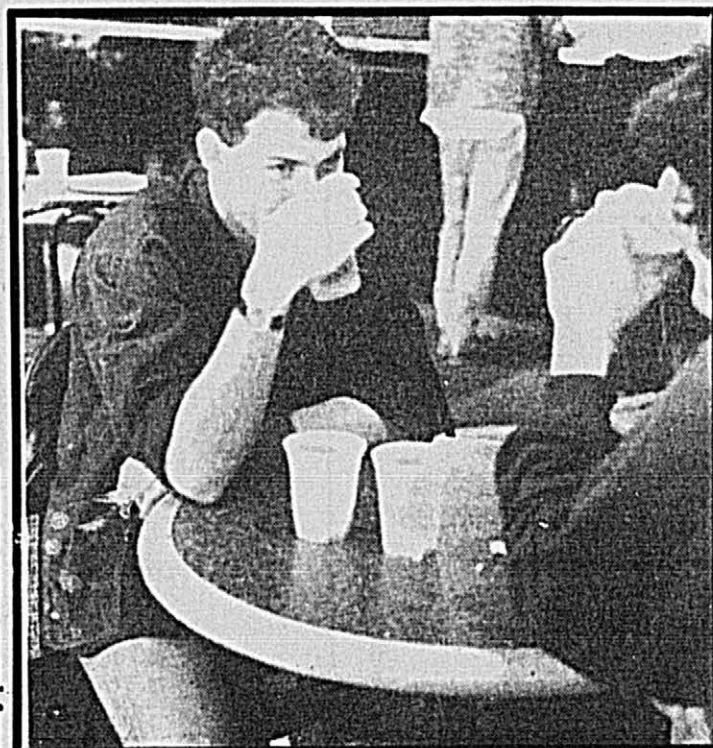
QIT also offers economic support to Apartheid through its 16.8 per cent ownership of the state-owned South African Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) involved in mining, manufacturing, transportation, shipping and technology. It has 25 per cent ownership of Union Corporation, 8.2 per cent of South African Mutual Life Assurance Society Ltd., and 7.5 per cent ownership of Southern Life Assurance Corporation, all based in South Africa.

QIT's extensive investments in South Africa bolster the apartheid economy, by actively participating in the exploitation of South African resources and labour. In turn, QIT's technological developments indirectly aid the state in its intensifying repression of the South African people.

In light of this, the coalition of

Montréal organizations sent a letter to QIT in late October, requesting immediate and complete divestment from South Africa. "It is important that everyone, not only anti-apartheid groups, get involved because the issue of Canadian companies supporting apartheid should be repugnant to all Canadians," said Lorraine Gibson, one of the coordinators of the coalition.

The coalition decided to take further action after they got no response from QIT. Kenneth Carstens, executive director of the International Defence and Aid Fund for South Africa, (USA), said "Demonstrations are effective because companies are very aware of their reputations. Why should Canadians carry out American foreign policy?"



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Double standards in Union beer pricing.

Union building beer policy challenged

by Derek Webster

Beer prices at Union Building events may be lowered considerably if a motion challenging the current McGill's Student Society's alcohol policy passes at next Tuesday's Council meeting.

Science representative to Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) P.J. Murphy forwarded a motion last Council meeting to lower the minimum price of beer for ballroom events. This price is currently \$1.25 for beer and \$2.00 for liquor, with a designated driver programme, or \$1.75 and \$2.25 respectively, without.

Calling the present alcohol policy a double standard, Murphy says the current minimum price policy discourages people from coming to the ballroom parties early and is often responsible for their poor attendance. They also result in the organizers' losing substantial amounts of money.

"No one shows up until 10:30 or 11:00, and many show up half loaded," he said, stressing that stu-

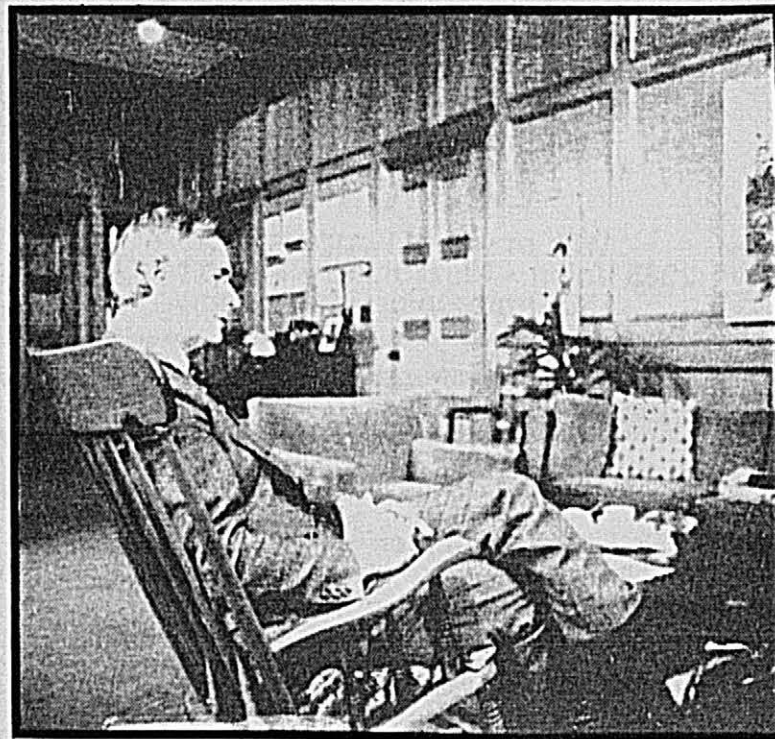
dents go to places like Peel Pub, where beer is cheaper (\$.89 per glass). Lowering prices at ballroom events would make them more competitive and increase attendance.

According to Murphy "We want to use alcohol as a lever for popularity."

Murphy said the present SSMU alcohol policy for the Union ballroom is "hypocritical" because of an incident that occurred over the Homecoming weekend, when Gertrude's pub charged \$.99 per beer while the Four Floors party had to charge \$1.25.

"The biggest opposition will definitely be from the SSMU executives," Murphy said. He said they were concerned about being liable for excessive drunkenness, safety within and damage to the Union Building. He added that a new, lower minimum price could encourage drunkenness, but he said this possible effect would soon wear off as people got used to the new prices.

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Johnston's retiring but others want to stay.

Faculty fight forced retirement

by Jeanne Iribarne

McGill's retirement regulations are not only unfair but illegal, say members of the university's faculty association.

The present regulations discriminate according to age, allowing the university to force faculty to accept substantially lower salaries if they continue to work after age 65. Some faculty have resorted to legal action against the university.

Yet the faculty association (MAUT) voted in a meeting yesterday not to accept new regulations proposed by its executive. They say faculty have not been given enough time to consider the proposal, and that it is being "rushed through."

According to former MAUT president Hershey Warshawsky, who helped draft the proposal, the new regulations would correct problems in the old and would "provide a model for universities across the country."

"The new draft respects both Québec law and the Charter of Rights and in that way is really a major step forward," he said.

In 1982, the Québec government abolished compulsory retirement. McGill subsequently introduced a new category in its regulations called 'delayed retirement,' which allows faculty to continue working after age 65. But they can only do so at the discretion of their deans, and deans can deny them further employment for what they consider academic or budgetary reasons.

Should they be granted employment, current regulations stipulate that their maximum salary can be no more than the minimum of their rank.

"And they (the university) then

took this minimum salary and started bargaining them (the faculty members) down," said Warshawsky. "There are people who have lost \$100 000 in salary and they want it back."

Some faculty feel they have been treated so unfairly that they have taken the university to court over this matter. Last year, MAUT gave one faculty member \$5 000 to help prosecute such a case. The Supreme Court has ruled against the university on one case on the basis of discrimination.

"We were faced with members of our faculty who were being offered risible salaries and intolerable working conditions simply because they had turned 65," said Professor Abbott Conway, who spoke at the MAUT meeting and sits on the McGill Senate.

The proposed regulations correct most of these problems. Faculty would be able to retire early, to retire at 65 or to continue after 65 at their discretion. In addition, they would continue working at the same status as before, including in the performance of administrative duties. Under the present regulations, they cannot continue or assume any administrative functions after 65.

But the proposed regulations do not provide for faculty retiring before 1989, except in its "Transitional Provisions" which allow faculty to resume employment at the recommendation of the Dean of the Faculty. The people who are at this stage of 'transition' are upset by both the present and the proposed regulations.

"If these regulations go through," said one, who is presently

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SSMU President Nancy Coté said she would not comment on the issue until after next Tuesday's Council meeting, when the price changes will be discussed in detail. "I am not sure whether the ASUS's feelings about beer price changes are shared by the other Council members," she said.

SSMU Vice-President Internal Amanda Kalhok said next Wednesday's Food and Beverage meeting would also discuss any possible changes to the present alcohol policy. She also refused to comment on the issue yet.

However, ASUS Vice-President Internal Jennifer Fraser had much to say. "I don't go for the liability argument, the SSMU is just moralising. Why should they dictate how much we drink?" she said, calling Gert's \$4.50 per pitcher Tuesdays an example of the double standard in the Union Building. According to Fraser, the entire SSMU alcohol policy needs an overhaul. "If they (the SSMU) were truly concerned about excessive drinking, they would charge \$10 a beer," she said.

Fraser said that SSMU introduced the current alcohol policy after a student fell from the third floor of the Union Building onto the roof of Travel Cuts in the basement. Although in this instance, the person was not injured, SSMU councillors said the policy could be bettered to prevent excessive drunkenness.

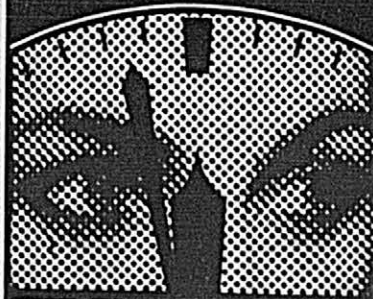
However, Fraser said the problem could be more easily solved by putting up higher railings. Presently the railings are only about three feet high and people at parties tend to sit on them.

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Graduate demands shelved

by Christian Dinwoodie

Graduate students won't be able to take their demands to referendum after the Post Graduate Student Society (PGSS) proposal was defeated at the November 8 Student Council meeting.

The referendum question would

have asked students to vote for an increased graduate representation in the McGill student council with a reduction in graduate fees to the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) or to vote for the withdrawal of PGSS from SSMU.

PGSS President Lee Iverson said the basic principle behind the

proposed referendum was, "if you're not willing to make these concessions then let us out." Iverson said the amendments added to the proposal by SSMU councillors had "changed its essential principles so much," that PGSS members abstained from voting.

Law representative to Council Shahir Guindi proposed several unfriendly amendments to the proposed question. These included refusing the PGSS fee decrease, removing the option of secession from the question, and protecting undergraduate representation in the other departments of council.

"You can't have your cake and eat it to," said Guindi.

PGSS representatives argued that SSMU is ignoring the central issue of Graduate withdrawal from SSMU. "For over a year now we have been at the point where withdrawal is what we want," said Iverson.

Iverson said, "graduate student's political needs are not being served by Students Society. PGSS is the appropriate body to deal with graduate student needs," he said.

Iverson added that graduate students need direct control over their political life, and accurate representation of what graduate students' concerns are both inside and outside the university.

SSMU councillors said that if Graduate students withdraw from SSMU they will still pay the same fees.

"If the graduate students go they will still be paying the full amount of money but they will have no representation on this council to say how things are spent," said SSMU VP University Affairs Maria Battaglia.

Iverson responded, "right now we have no representation and we are not interested in SSMU's representation for the most part."

"To be an independent body but not have independent control over finances just seems really dumb," he said.

Graduate student fees to SSMU are 28 per cent lower than undergraduate student fees. A joint

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engaged in legal action and asked not to be identified, "there is a very low probability that those of us who have been on reduced salary will be compensated or re-appointed."

"That's what I think would be fair. I think it's only just that I should be compensated. Why should I have to lose because the association wouldn't take it (the issue) up in time for me." That person estimated the lost salary to be about \$50 000 per year.

Political Science professor Dale Thomson is considering legal action and has recommended that the provisions in the new regulations be retroactive.

"These 'transitionals' have been dealt with unjustly," he wrote in a memo to the members of MAUT, "and, in fact illegally, under the existing regulations, and have lost considerable salary and benefits, including the University's contribution to their pension fund."

In an interview, he said, "The irony is that the reason we're having this discussion (about retirement regulations) today is because we were treated unjustly. But the new regulations do not correct that situation."

Warshawsky said that although there is no retroactivity clause, the faculty caught between regulations "do have recourse to the law if they feel they've been treated unfairly."

Other faculty members object to the new draft because it stipulates faculty must continue to work full-time after 65. At the meeting, though, Warshawsky said the usual definition for full-time used by the university includes faculty working at a reduced load.

The committee reviewing the re-

tirement regulations presented redrafts of two other sets of regulations at the same time, one for dismissal and discipline and the other for sabbatical leave. Some MAUT members see the issue as linked.

David Williams, Chair of English, said that to get the administration to agree to the proposed retirement regulations, "we paid a price for the new retirement policy with these new dismissal regulations." After the meeting dwindled to well below quorum, the remaining members voted to put all three proposals on hold until the members have had time to consider them more fully.

Because the MAUT executive has already presented the unapproved draft to Senate, where it was received after long discussion, some members of the association were infuriated. The motion to delay approval must now be directed to the Board of Governors, which is under no obligation to heed MAUT's directive.

"There was no alternative to the motion," said Thomson, "The strategy to delay was the only thing we could do. They (the executive) wouldn't give an inch on any amendments."

Should the proposed regulations be implemented as they stand, the university estimates the total cost of keeping faculty on longer would be about \$1.5 million by 1993. The average age of faculty would not increase by more than a few years, though, because McGill's pension plan is good enough to encourage retirement by 68. That is, many faculty members would be earning more than their salary in pension benefits by age 68.

Fight against fees squashed

by Chris Lawson

MONTREAL (CUP): A Québec judge has rejected a Université de Montréal student's bid to get her and about 32 000 classmates' 80 bucks back.

The money is a "course materials fee" the university charges all students on a per credit basis to a maximum of \$40 per semester.

Diane Brassard, a masters student in Geography, says the fee is a disguised tuition hike, which she did not agree to pay when she accepted an offer of admission to the university.

She launched a class action suit in January (1988), on behalf of all U de M students required to pay the incidental fees.

But Québec Superior Court Judge Pierre Michaud ruled that Brassard did not necessarily represent all students attending UdeM and would not authorize her suit.

"Both Diane and I are very disappointed," said Brassard's lawyer, Paula Laviolette. "She has invested a lot of time and money into this issue."

Laviolette did not know if her client would appeal the decision.

Michaud's judgement said the university had received some 1500

letters about the incidental fee, but only 128 had demanded a refund.

"It seems reasonable, in these circumstances to ask if (Brassard's) position is really representative of all (Université de Montréal students)," the judgement read.

Laviolette said her client's case was decided without even discussing the issues involved.

"Students are at a tremendous disadvantage when they enter into a contract with the university," Laviolette said. "They simply have to accept what the university has to offer them. They have no recourse to negotiate as a group."



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Strike's over. See you next year.

UQAM students end strike but others stay out

by Chris Lawson

MONTREAL (CUP): Striking Université du Québec à Montréal students went back to class yesterday, but 2000 students across town at Université de Montréal say they won't give in.

Arts, literature, education and social science students at UQAM wouldn't consider a proposition to extend the two week strike for loans and bursaries reform by three days

at yesterday's general assembly.

But sociology, social work and theology students at U de M are still on strike. Criminology students are expected to vote to strike today. Anthropology students, who have been picketing since Nov. 2 have suspended their strike for a week, while students drop courses and write mid-term exams.

Université de Montréal anthropology student Fernanda Claudio said she was disappointed that UQAM students were going back to class.

"People (at UdeM) will feel a little bit betrayed by this," she said, "We felt a certain solidarity with UQAM. But we're not going to give up."

AGEUQAM students were concerned mostly with the next step in their campaign to press education minister Claude Ryan to implement a major loans and bursaries reform in time for the next school year.

"The battle is finished, but the war is far from over," said AGEUQAM communications coordinator Virginie Charette. "Students want a better loans and bursaries system and we're going to get it, by all means."

Over the course of three weeks, more than 30 Québec colleges and universities were touched by the strike, called by the province's student federation.

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COMMENT

liberals, radicals and the new right

Canada recently imported president-elect George Bush's weak-minded malaise over the "L-word": liberalism. In the October 30 *Montréal Gazette*, McGill Professor Ruth Wisse opined, "Radical politics has given U.S. liberalism a bad name," citing alleged mainstream squeamishness with such manifestations of extremism as the American Civil Liberties Union and affirmative action programs.

As in her other autistic editorials, Wisse is a little off target here; since only 49 per cent of the electorate bothered to vote in the U.S. election, Bush's win can hardly be seen as indicative of a "new conservatism" among Americans.

In fact, as polls have consistently shown, the public has continued a slow drift towards support for New Deal-type policies, much preferring social to military spending, supporting the rights of women, minorities, the poor, and supporting a nuclear freeze while opposing the attack against Nicaragua.

Wisse's assault on liberalism quickly degenerates into ACLU-bashing because of the group's support for a "radical", "left-wing" agenda which includes affirmative action. Wisse writes, "An organization once devoted to individual merits and blindness to race has now inverted its agenda in favor of racial preference. In this way 'liberals' try to alter the fabric of democracy by destroying one of its basic tenets."

Wisse studiously overlooks the point of affirmative action, which is targeting institutional discrimination in places where "the fabric of democracy" does not yet exist. It is reasonable to see that a corrective program is the only pragmatic solution to institutional racism.

But Wisse complains, "Affirmative action required institutions to use racial and sexual categories instead of ignoring them." This also is a faulty point, again, because the institutions in question have historically discriminated on the basis of "racial and sexual categories", rather than "ignoring them", and this is precisely the justification for corrective action.

Elsewhere Wisse accuses Sixties students of a "spirit of intolerance", and of engaging in "storm-trooper tactics of the 1930s." While clearly rooted in bitterness and poor taste, this analogy is also unsound. Wisse seems to miss the point (as many of her media colleagues have) that American society had been a stifling conformist swill before people realized that mindless obedience to the state is not conducive to real democracy, and can instead lead to Vietnams and even Holocausts.

Wisse's commentary is hardly complete. She has conveniently ignored student support for White House aide Walt Rostow, called by many a war criminal, in his fight with the MIT administration. Although they must have hated him for his policy work in the Vietnam War, students campaigned for an official inquiry to determine whether an issue of academic freedom arose when Rostow wasn't reappointed to a professorship at MIT.

Quite apart from the historical obfuscation, Wisse's editorial raises some question about her ideological agenda. While she implies she is committed to the "pre-Sixties" liberal agenda, one gets a sense that Wisse's views are somewhat more in the spirit of the New Right Reaganism.

And so, ever mindful of buttering up her audience like any good clown, Wisse sets a mirthful tone by starting off her disquisition with some politically correct humour—the delightful musings of arch-Conservative George Will. "Dukakis is not a lobster," Will the proto-pundit jokes. But if Wisse has even a simoleon of sympathy for the ideas of Will (as I suspect she does), people should demur.

This is a man of the 16th century, who has been on the leading edge of forging the New Right ideology, and advocating a pathological form of Keynesian economic intervention that transfers money from the poor to the rich in the form of tax breaks and military expenditures.

Just as sickening, is the condescending attitude of Will and other media "intellectuals" towards the public. They gloat over statistics which show that 16 per cent of Americans think the Soviet Union is a member of NATO.

"The eyes of most Americans glaze over" when candidates speak of the "issues", Ross Baker recently mused in the *Los Angeles Times*. Americans loved Reagan because "he understood how important it is to reinforce the illusions that people have about themselves," while the Democrats are just too "relentlessly intellectual," Baker wailed.

Will is more obtuse. In a recent *Gazette* editorial, Will complained "mundaneness" is "an exasperating aspect of mass democracy," adding that liberal voters are "uneducated" and not "socially competent."

It seems, however, that such patronizing attitudes result from a Platonic and elitist misperception about the mental abilities of "the libidinal masses." It is

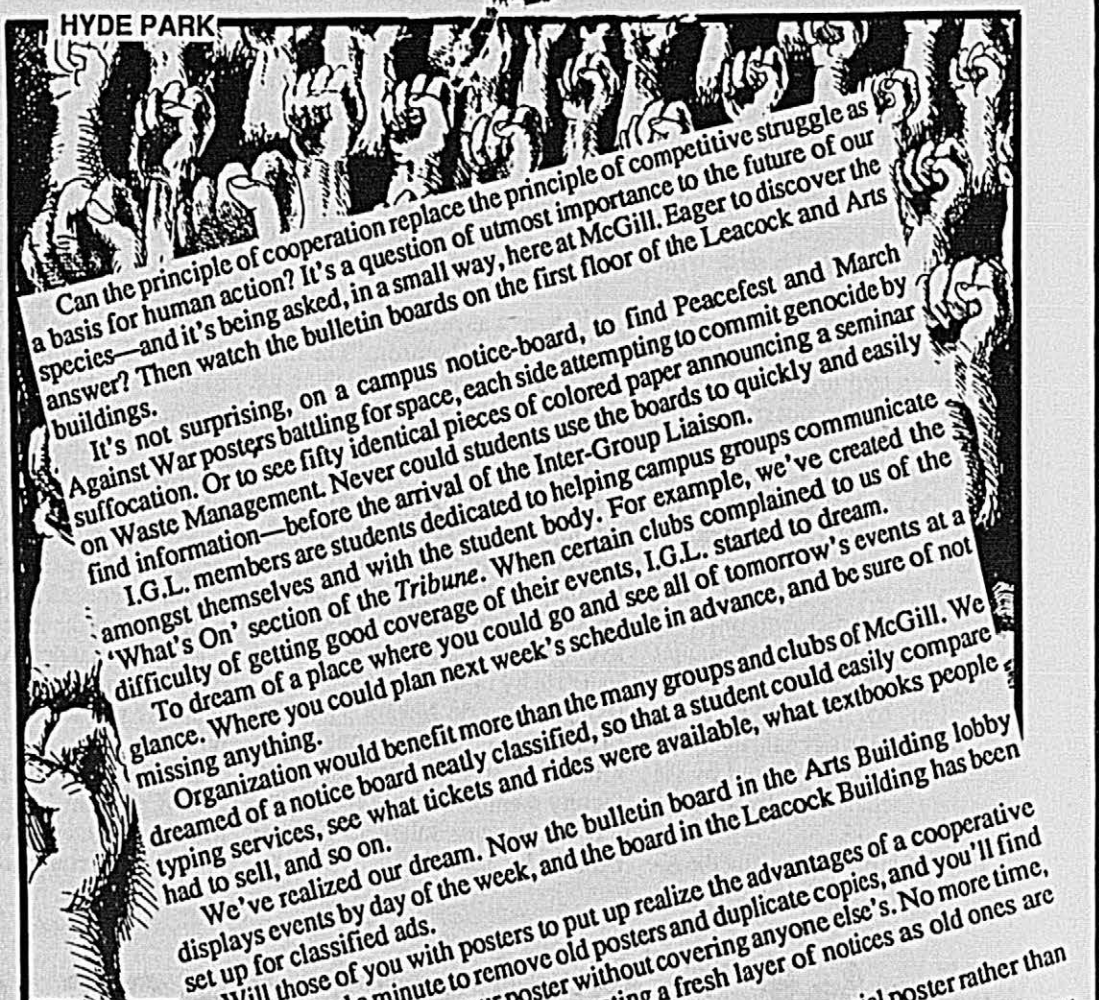
obvious that people are capable of specialized and intricate knowledge in areas which they choose to be interested in. But when constantly battered with the idea that they are incompetent in making vital decisions by commercials advising them what to buy and by media pundits advising them what best to do and think, people invariably surrender some of their decision-making power to "experts", and their political will weakens.

In all, democracy suffers. Wisse should know better than to invoke George Will.

If Wisse truly has a "commitment to individual rights" and democracy, she might reconsider the differences between Bush—the CIA-man—and Dukakis—the ACLU-card-carrier—in time for 1992. In the words of *The Nation*, "Even those sympathetic to the ACLU may be reluctant to frame a campaign in these terms because the union, after all, has only 250 000 members. To these faint hearts we say. How many members/employees does the CIA have? the answer is that it's a secret, and that, after all, is the point."

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Drinking Canada dry

The Conservatives are asking Canadians to take a leap of faith with the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement, and many Canadians want to know just where they are going to land. According to Vancouver economist Wendy Holm, it won't be in Canadian water, which she says is being threatened by the deal. As Holm sees it, given the conditions of the trade agreement, the U.S. may one day literally drink Canada dry.

by Elizabeth Pasternak

Holm is the editor of *Water and Free Trade*, a collection of articles written by 14 Canadian experts in the GATT, international trade, international law, economics and the environment. Released on November 1, the book sets out to demonstrate how Canadian water is included in the deal, despite government claims that it is not.

Federal Trade Minister John Crosbie addressed the issue of water in a recent speech at University of Western Ontario in London. "The Americans have no access to Canadian water under the Free Trade Agreement," he said. "The agreement does not cover water in its natural state at all. It covers a tariffed item for bottled water."

Holm disagrees—the deal never even mentions bottled water. She points out that the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (tariff item 2201) covers, "Waters, including natural or artificial mineral waters and aerated waters not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter nor flavored; ice and snow." And an explanatory note to tariff item 2201.90 includes, "ordinary natural water of all kinds (other than sea water)."

"There is no container specification in the deal," said Holm. "Of course, it does include bottled water. But it also includes water which may move by tankers, by pipelines and diversions."

Under article 711 of the agreement, tariff item 22.01 (all natural water) is defined as an agricultural good. As a good, natural water is subjected to all the terms under the Free Trade Agreement.

Holm is particularly concerned with the natural treatment provision (article 105 in the agreement) which applies to both imports and exports. This would give Americans ad-

ditional access rights to Canadian water because under the GATT national treatment only applies to imports.

"What this means in the deal," said Holm, a founding member of Water Watch Canada, "is you can't discriminate against Americans in favour of Canadians with respect to goods or resources under the agreement." So if water were being diverted inside Canada to Saskatchewan farmers, American farmers could argue that they should receive the same volume of water from Canada.

Holm explained that the agreement (under article 409) also says that neither side can interrupt "normal channels of supply"—a clause that was added after former Minister of International Trade, Pat Carney signed the deal in October 1987. Holm said Canada will be a normal channel of supply for water-scarce regions of the U.S.

British Columbia has already signed a contract to divert 120 million tons of water per year to California by supertanker. This is equal to the amount of water consumed by Vancouver in 1986. "If you can never interfere with the normal channel of supply of water," said Holm, "you simply cannot turn off that tap."

The only way Canada could reduce water shipments to the U.S., said Holm, would be if Canada had a shortage of supply. But this would benefit neither side, least of all Canadians. "We would have to share our water proportionally with the U.S. or give them whatever they had been taking proportionally over the past three years," she said.

"We would also have to make sure we were charging Canadians the same price we charged Americans which would mean in-

creasing the price to Canadians or decreasing it for the Americans. I suggest to you it would be the former."

Holm is also Executive Director of B.C. "Small" Small Business Group (BCSSBG), an organization which has been lobbying the government for a year to amend the deal. The Conservatives have been implementing legislation since November 1987 to prove that natural water will not be affected by the deal. But the BCSSBG is not satisfied.

The Federal Water Policy, passed in November 1987, states that the federal government will take all possible measures within its power to stop the export of Canadian water by interbasin diversions. The government passed another bill, C-156 (an Act for the Preservation of Canadian water Resources), last August to prohibit large-scale freshwater exports.

And Crosbie added an amendment to the legislation implementing the deal, Bill C-130, in July 1988. The amendment said that nothing in the Act or the Agreement, except Article 401 of the Agreement, would apply to water.

But Holm and her group say these domestic laws, which were passed after the signing of the deal in October 1987, will not protect Canadian water rights. "The Free Trade Agreement is an international agreement, and it takes precedence over whatever domestic law either party may have," she said. "And in fact, in the agreement there is a

hopes it is the former, she has become convinced that the move was intentional.

She feels that the choice of Simon Reisman as trade negotiator for Canada had an impact on water. "On five or six occasions, shortly before his appointment, Reisman described water as the bargaining chip to bring the Americans to the table and get a deal that gave Canada access to U.S. markets," she said. "There was no question but that Reisman viewed water as the lubricant it took to make this deal with the U.S."

And there is no question that Americans are in great need of water, said Holm. They are now facing an impending water crisis due to shortages and pollution. The federal Environmental Protection Agency estimates one-third of U.S. water systems are polluted, and 20 percent of the nation's community water systems do not meet the minimum health standards.

Canadians are in a lot better shape, but the water supply is not unlimited. The majority of Canada's water runs north while 90 percent of the population lives within 300 km of the U.S. border. Water in the southern part of Canada is quickly becoming polluted. "Put simply, Canada is not a water-rich country," said Tom McMillan, Minister of the Environment, in his introduction to the Federal Water Policy in 1987.

The issue for Holm is not just a question of how much money Canada will lose in water exports under the free trade agreement. It's a

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specific clause that each party will take whatever steps are necessary to change their own domestic legislation to conform with the terms and conditions of agreement."

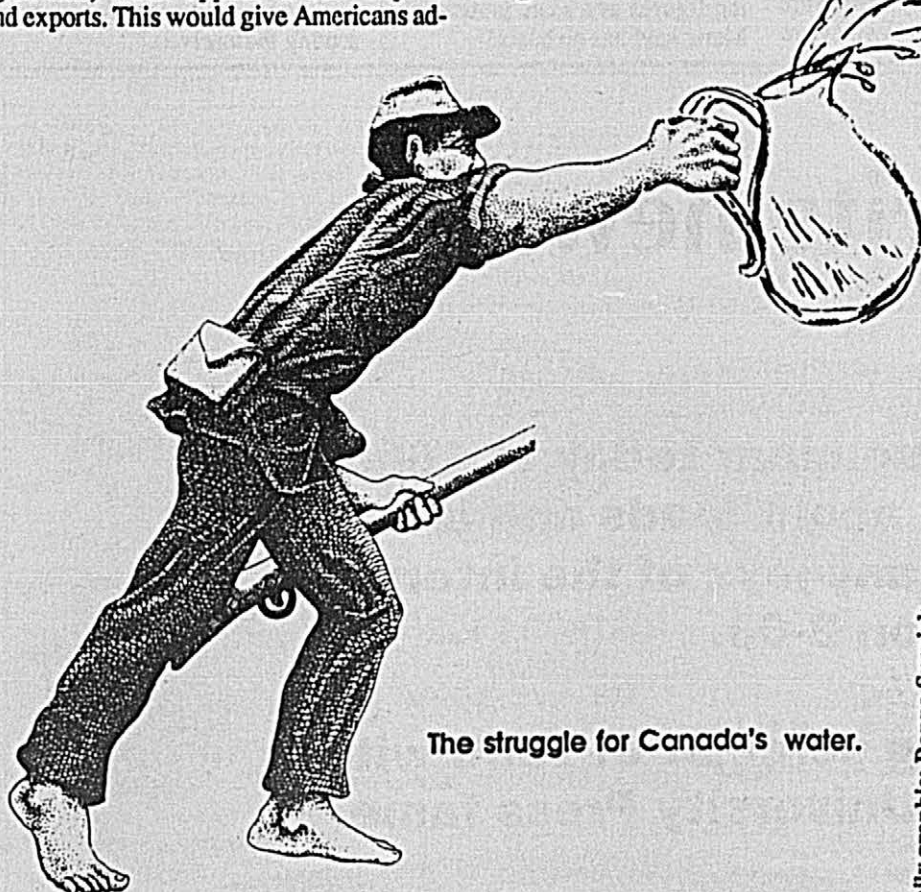
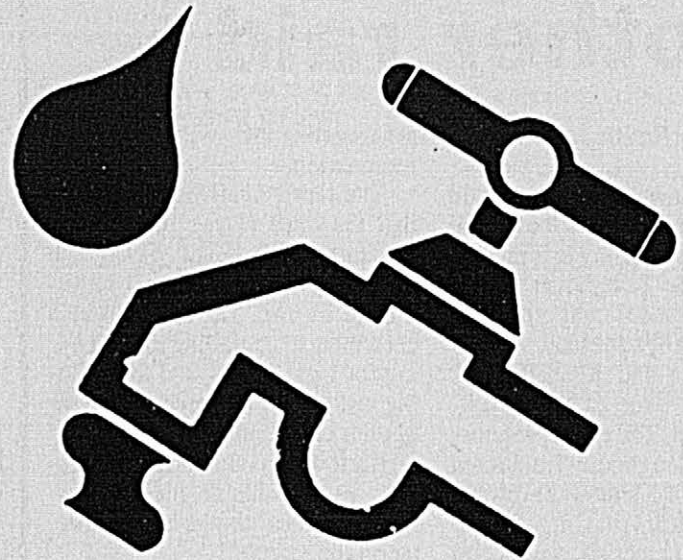
The only way to ensure Canadian sovereignty over water, says Holm, is by amending the actual agreement, or signing a separate agreement with the U.S., which would exclude natural water from the deal.

Crosbie's legislation led people to believe that the issue had been resolved. Critical of his claim, Holm and the BCSSBG decided to get the book out in time for the federal election.

In her chapter, "Incompetence or Agenda?", Holm writes that there are two possible explanations for the government including natural water in the agreement—out of ignorance, or on purpose. While Holm

question of the environment and Canada's longterm investments. "If we have to look at spot exports in the short term, that's one thing," said Holm. "But we should be looking at weaning the U.S. off water and onto environmental solution technology. And it should be Canadian firms that are producing that."

The Conservatives believe water is not an issue. Those who believe that Canadian water is endangered by the deal, are labelled by Crosbie as "anti-free traders", "paranoid" and "irresponsible personages". Holm says this has allowed Conservatives to avoid addressing the question of water and free trade. "This never was an anti-free trade issue," she said. "The government has forced it into being one because the only way we can resolve it, with the government's total inaction on it to date, is to defeat this deal."



The struggle for Canada's water.

Natives expect another raid

by Trefor Smith

The Kahnawake reserve should expect another raid from the federal government according to representatives of the Longhouse Traditional government who spoke at Concordia on Wednesday.

Karoniakta and Kenneth Deer spoke on the issue of Native self-determination. The two representatives of the Longhouse Traditional government of Kahnawake reserve voiced their fears that, in the wake of the federal election, the federal government will launch another raid greater in magnitude to the one carried out last June. Karoniakta told the audience to expect a raid of "two thousand army personnel in the next two months."

On June 1, the Mohawk community of Kahnawake blockaded the Mercier bridge to protest a paramilitary raid undertaken earlier that day by 200 RCMP officers. In the raid 17 Kahnawake residents were arrested on charges of violating federal custom laws and 400 cases of cigarettes were seized.

The Longhouse government maintains that its cigarette trade across borders, a practice the Canadian government deems illegal, is an example of how the Mohawks

are asserting their will for self-determination.

The representatives pointed out that the trade allows the band to generate a financial base with which to start projects and industries of its own. The revenues also contribute to upgrading roads, paying for legal battles, and for building institutions that meet the needs of their community.

Karoniakta said that since revenues were available for development schemes "things had got better on the reserve."

The Kahnawake Survival School was initially set up in 1978 with only volunteer teachers and materials bought with community contributions. According to Deer, the school has developed "into one of most dynamic education systems in North America." The school of 300 to 400 students hosts a unique curriculum and graduation certificate, and an elaborate immersion program in the Mohawk language.

Recent changes in government funding have left the school with less money than it needs. Deer said that the funding policy is intentionally discriminatory. "They [the government] know what they're doing. A normal Québec student is allocated \$3500 for his or her education by the government, while



Indians have to negotiate for that money."

The new funding policy grants uniform funding to bands without considering the educational programmes already in place. Deer said the policy creates "uniform

inadequacy" in funding.

Deer said that Native people today are forced to assert their self-determination if they are to survive as a distinct people. He sees the policies of the current Mulroney government as being continuous

with past federal practice which he calls "genocidal".

"The land of the people is being threatened... the only form of guarantee we can see today for keeping what we value is through self-determination," Deer said.

...no referendum for PGSS

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SSMU-PGSS survey has shown that the average McGill undergraduate uses student services 2.5 times more than the average graduate student. Most SSMU representatives claim that because graduates use and have equal access to student services, they should be paying what they are now if not more.

SSMU president Nancy Côté said, "They are paying for what they use."

The PGSS challenges SSMU's position. Iverson said, "We just don't use them (student services) as much. It doesn't make sense for someone in Saskatoon to be paying municipal taxes to Vancouver. Sure they have equal access but they are

just not there."

"Graduate students are willing to pay the cost of providing the services used by graduates," Iverson said.

In the PGSS funding formula brought to the council meeting two weeks ago a yearly PGSS premium was proposed to pay for the SSMU services that graduates actually use.

VP Internal Maria Battaglia said, "should that formula be implemented Political Science students could potentially be paying \$100.00 while graduates could potentially be paying \$9.88."

Iverson responded, "This is scaremongering. SSMU is distorting figures as a scare tactic. What Maria said has no basis."

Côté said, "SSMU doesn't see the need for separation on campus. I think its much more constructive, that there be unity on campus."

Côté expressed SSMU's desire to keep graduates on council and expand their representation from three to eight councillors. "An expansion like this on SSMU council can only be healthy," she said.

She added that graduate students are invaluable to SSMU because they have their past experiences as undergraduates to draw from and share.

But according to Iverson, "The national experience is that graduate students are better protected in an environment where they are representing themselves."



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to the Daily:

As a long time hockey fan, I was happy to see the article of October 28 on 'Corporate violence in the NHL'. It is a topic of discussion, long overdue, and one that is currently in the sporting news. The subject matter of Mr. Jenkins' book, *Yellow Sunday*, addresses many of the problems which plague the NHL in its quest for credibility. One point of contention, in the article by Mr. Argitis, is he believes the NHL power structure has deterred the players in their ability to organize. This is incorrect as the players have had a union for quite some time (even if it is headed by Alan Eagleson), as well as a pension plan.

The real issue of exploitation, perpetuated by the owners, the president and even Hockey Night in Canada, concerns the true hockey fan. As long as the league makes money, it feels it is doing an excellent job, even though the courts of law are now beginning to address issues of violence the NHL refuses to acknowledge. It is time the hockey fan became aware of how the game has been manipulated, for many decades, by 'an old boy's club'. It is in the best interests of the game to promote this awareness, which can be used in pressuring the league to clean up its act. This is the intent of *Yellow Sunday*.

Mark Gregotski
PhD 5



to the Daily:

On November 14, the Daily released a Federal Election issue. I'm sure I was not alone in expecting a series of articles supporting and criticizing the various parties. In short, I was expecting articles on their platforms and beliefs.

However, on the front page, I immediately noticed two articles devoted to bashing the Progressive Conservative government and accusing them of "a less humanitarian economic strategy." The government has lowered unemployment tremendously over the last four years as well as lowering the budget deficit by over \$10 billion. Creating jobs seems to me to be a very humanitarian concept. They have improved the economy as well, enhancing the lives of many Canadians. Finally, they brought Québec into the Constitutional Accord. The previous four major promises in the '84 campaign. The fact the Daily has seen fit to ignore these facts represents irresponsible, biased journalism.

As I flipped through the pages of the Daily, I saw attacks on the PC's position on issues ranging from immigration to the environment to abortion. Instead of attacking the government, shouldn't the Daily instead offer solutions? At the very least, it is the responsibility of the Daily to present the Liberal's and the NDP's views on these complex issues. Many students still don't

know what the other parties stand for. In my view, it is the responsibility of the Daily to present ALL PERTINENT VIEWS. Unfortunately, the Daily considers its own view to be the only one that counts.

The thing I found most amusing was the attack on Finance Minister Michael Wilson's speech at McGill. The reporter wrote of how the minister evaded issues and she repeatedly criticized the Free Trade Agreement. Not once did she see to back up her arguments.

When a newspaper devotes an entire issue to an election, they should be fair and present all sides fairly. Only after this is done is it acceptable for them to endorse a particular party. The McGill Daily has let everyone down with this issue. It is a farce that is totally consistent with their ever present trend of irresponsible journalism.

Eric Adelson
Management U1

to the Daily:

Thank you for providing us with such an excellent Federal Election issue. The coverage of Michael Wilson's talk was a prime example of unbiased professionalism, and the front page editorial, indeed the whole edition, represented the views of all McGill students whose money is used to finance the paper. It would have been so easy to have produced a partisan, simplistic, one-sided propaganda sheet, used by a minority to influence the election as they see fit. You deserve a pat on the back for not doing so. Well done.

Steve Butler
U1 Arts



to the Daily:

In the November 16 article, "Council votes for status quo", Club Reps Chris Tromp and Freya Kodar and former VP External Mark Cameron imply that the status quo is inherently wrong. I'm afraid that I must disagree. The question that must be asked is *What is the status quo?* My understanding of the status quo is that it is presently a dynamic process by which any person with a valid problem or suggestion is given the chance to have his or her opinions aired. The status quo is not, as the three of

them imply, a static, stagnant bureaucratic monolith which is uninterested in change.

I take their comments very personally as I was the architect of the SSMU budgetary "status quo" for this year. When I was an Executive, I had a wide-open-door policy by which anybody who needed to speak to me could. I spent more time in my office doing work for the students than any of my fellow Executives (especially the former VP External) and I resent the implication that I was irresponsible or not interested in change. If Chris and Freya were so interested in having change come to the JMC, they should have run for the Council seats on it back in April. Although the club representatives' elections were subsequently invalidated, I find it ironic that the people who so want to destroy the status quo only bother to get involved after all the work has been done.

P.S. The Joint Management Committee has five voting student members and only three voting non-student representatives. Given that quorum is three students, the implication in the article that the non-student members dominate the students is false.

Titi Nguyen
Former SSMU VP Finance

to the Daily:

I am writing to retract the comment I made regarding George Lee's election to the Joint Management Committee of SSMU. While I am concerned about certain decisions of JMC and was distressed by some of George's comments about Legal Aid and JMC, I sincerely apologize for saying that George "cannot think in any terms except profit." Despite our disagreements on many issues, especially financial ones, George is a hard working councillor and an active participant in many other projects, and obviously cares about the public service. The past few weeks have been tense ones in student politics, but I hope that all parties will try to avoid further comments on any individual's character.

Mark Cameron
Former VP External

to the Daily:

We are writing this letter to raise questions about the relatively unknown entity of QPIRG. To begin with, this letter is not intended to be an attack on QPIRG: its intent is to simply ask a few questions. McGill's new Public Interest Research Group has never before existed on campus and is still unfamiliar to many of its "supporters". More information should be available on a group which professes to act in our interest. Aside from all the rhetoric about conducting "research, education and action" in the public's interest, what exactly is QPIRG planning to do? What does QPIRG plan to do with all the money it automatically collects from all McGill students? Why does an organization which is "student-run and student-supported"

need to set up an office (a "student-funded" office) with full time professional employees? Why should QPIRG receive treatment which is any different from that afforded all the other clubs under the auspices of Students' Society? Beyond the recycling drive, what is on QPIRG's agenda? We feel it is high time these questions were answered directly, to let McGill students know what is happening with "their" QPIRG. If no answers are to be found to these questions, QPIRG should at least come forth with the answer to one other question; "how do I go about getting my money back?"

Thor Wishart
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to the Daily:

"Here", says my roommate, "A.M. wants you to read the letter he wrote to the Daily (Nov. 14 issue)." I turn to find a whole page of letters, written by students from all walks of life (faculties), about Israel in response to past letters. I write not in an attempt to clarify who is right, wrong, etc. Being a Poli-Sci student I have come to realize how much is involved, at stake, and how much history is embedded in both conflicts. I acknowledge immediately that I am pro-Israel—that will be quite apparent at the end. To Mr. Syed and Gil Vincente (to whom much criticism was laid) I say you are entitled to your views; I may not agree with them, but we all have rights. Yet, being titled by a friend as a "paranoid Zionist", I am also afraid of your opinions. I feel that Israel has no margin for error—losing one war would be suicidal. As Israel's security depends extensively on its allies in the international community, public opinion matters. My congratulations goes out to those students who have responded, who expressed their opinions, and to the Daily in their publication. With pro-Israel sentiment in mind, I say one must not be afraid to talk and support. The situation is not perfect, things are not black and white, but Jewish life in the diaspora depends on the continued existence of the state of Israel. I felt I must express my overwhelming joy to see that supporters are not afraid to express their opinions. Life under criticism is not easy; the situation will probably not get any easier with the outcome of the last PNC and Israeli elections, but continual support—even under pressure—is crucial. I recall in my mind the Jews in Europe during the Spanish Inquisition or even in Russia today who were and are afraid and I am overwhelmed at the confidence by which Students recognize Israel and its right to exist. Kol Hachavod! Please always continue.

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